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SURE YOU HAVE A CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO SAY WHAT YOU THINK

---but it may be dangerous!

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Item: In Texas, Lt. Henry H. Howe, Jr. was sentenced to two years imprisonment at hard labor and given a dishonorable discharge for participating, during off-duty hours and in civilian dress, in a Vietnam protest demonstration.

Item: In Michigan a number of university students are reclassified to I-A draft status for having taken part in a sit-in peace demonstration.

Item: In Washington, D.C. a veteran of World War II was denied benefits for service-connected disabilities because of his public statements in 1950-51 criticizing American prosecution of the Korean War.

Item: In Washington a city councilman who had taken an anti-Administration position on a T.V. panel show on Vietnam was beaten up by a city councilman from a near-by town.

As American soldiers become increasingly engaged in foreign combat, tensions mount between defenders and critics of U.S. policy. In times like these it becomes increasingly difficult to maintain the "open marketplace" of ideas.

The American Civil Liberties Union takes no position on American foreign policy. That isn't our job. Our sole concern is, and has been for 45 years, the defense of individual freedoms in the Bill of Rights.

Today the ACLU battles on many fronts to defend everyone's rights. War, and the threat of war, merely make this struggle more difficult and important!

- * In the courts, ACLU volunteer lawyers defend people arrested for demonstrating in support of their foreign policy convictions.
- * In the South, the ACLU pushes the fight for full, real equality for Negroes in the courts, on juries, in the streets, on the ballot.
- * In state and national legislatures, and in local communities ACLU members stand firm against efforts to suppress or curtail rights guaranteed every American by the Constitution.

YOUR support is needed in this effort. Add your strength to that of the 80,000 Americans who have backed their convictions by joining ACLU. We need every voice whose devotion to civil liberties is not qualified by adherence to Communist, Fascist, KKK or other totalitarian doctrine.

I hope you will join as a \$10 member, but join with whatever you can. By mailing the above envelope you will help keep America a home of freedom.

John de J. Pemberton, Jr.

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During the 43 years of its existence the American Civil Liberties Union has played a significant role in defending our basic democratic freedoms. Your voice has always been raised clearly and sharply when our liberties have been threatened. America is a stronger nation for your uncompromising efforts.

—JOHN F. KENNEDY

During the span of years covered by your organization the American people have given increased attention to progress in the field of civil rights. . . . It is good to be reminded that the members of the American Civil Liberties Union and the overwhelming majority of my fellow citizens are working together in this field with steadfast vigor and understanding.

—DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

The American Civil Liberties Union has an essential role at this critical time. It defends the rights of even the most despised to speak, to assemble, and to petition for redress of grievances. It protects the individual's constitutional guarantees of the right to counsel, to confrontation and to due process of law. It has come to symbolize racial justice and religious freedom.

—LYNDON B. JOHNSON

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What are your rights?

Learn here how you can help *all* Americans by taking an active part in protecting America's cherished liberties.

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**Founded
in 1920**

**the nation's only
permanent nonpartisan organization devoted exclusively
to the defense of the Bill of Rights for everyone.**

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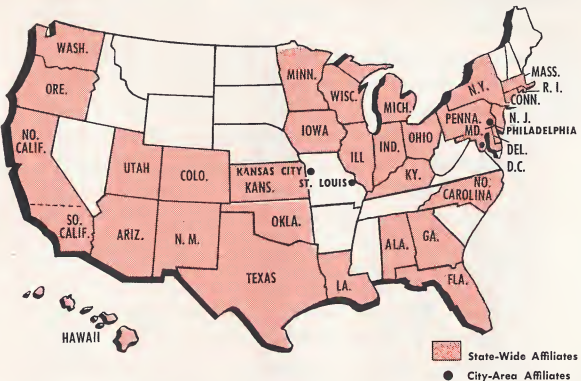
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Dwight D. Eisenhower

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Membership includes the ACLU's authoritative Annual Report, *Civil Liberties* ten times a year, and your choice of ACLU pamphlets. Student members at \$3 receive *Civil Liberties* and the Annual Report. The ACLU needs and welcomes the support of all those — and only those — whose devotion to civil liberties is not qualified by adherence to Communist, Fascist, KKK, or other totalitarian doctrine.

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WHAT IS THE ACLU?

The purpose of the American Civil Liberties Union — and its only purpose — is the preservation and strengthening of the freedoms guaranteed to us under the Bill of Rights.

There are many government officials, special interest groups, and private citizens who think our constitutional guarantees of freedom of inquiry and expression, due process of law, and equality before the law should be denied to certain citizens whom they consider undeserving. They believe they have the right to decide who is or is not “deserving.”

ACLU believes, as our nation’s founding fathers believed, that no one should have the privilege of deciding who is deserving of the rights guaranteed to us under the Constitution. These rights belong to all—*without exception*.

WHAT WE DO

The Court

The everyday business of ACLU is helping people whose civil liberties have been violated.

Much of this work is in the courts. Each year, the ACLU enters into hundreds of court cases. We may supply counsel for the person whose civil liberties have been denied, or we may submit a “friend of the court” brief which argues the constitutional question at stake.

Many of the cases fought by the ACLU are of historic significance — such as the famed *Scopes v. State of Tennessee* “monkey trial.” In recent years, ACLU and its affiliates have won many notable victories before the U.S. Supreme Court protecting rights of free speech, the right of peaceful protest, the right to counsel, freedom of the press and decisions banning religion in

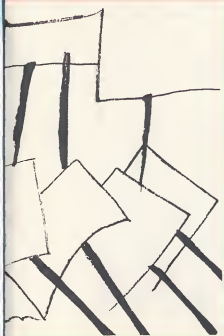


the public schools and the widespread evil of introducing illegally seized evidence in state courts. Constant watchdog activities by ACLU affiliates across the nation are necessary to prevent unfair court procedures.

The Community

Through contacts with public officials, ACLU is frequently able to secure the adoption of enlightened policies designed to protect and extend constitutional rights. For example, the ACLU of Greater Philadelphia some years ago secured the creation of the nation's first Police Review Board, an official agency to obtain redress for citizens aggrieved by unlawful police action.

When officials fail to take corrective action, ACLU can often be effective by arousing public interest. A noteworthy example is the report issued by the Illinois Division on "Secret Detention by the Chicago Police."



The Legislature

Many issues affecting civil liberties arise before the U.S. Congress and the various state legislatures.

ACLU has effectively supported anti-discrimination laws, legal assistance for the poor, the rights of Indian tribes and legislation to provide improved court procedures and reapportionment of state legislatures.

We have opposed loyalty oaths, magazine and film censorship, constitutional amendments designed to cripple the U.S. Supreme Court, the use of public funds for sectarian schools and curbs on academic freedom.

The Public Forum

Educational efforts on behalf of the Bill of Rights are carried out through newspaper publicity, radio and TV appearances, pamphlets, and the regular bulletins of the ACLU. Many affiliates maintain active Speakers' Bureaus scheduling frequent appearances before church, civic, service and educational groups.

ACLU'S STRUCTURE: The American Civil Liberties Union is a national organization with headquarters in New York. It was founded in 1920 to combat violations of the Bill of Rights resulting from post war hysteria directed against political dissenters.

Among the founders were Roger Baldwin, Jane Addams, Clarence Darrow, John Dewey, Morris Ernst, Felix Frankfurter, Arthur Garfield Hays, Helen Keller, Rabbi Judah Magnes, Monsignor John Ryan, and Norman Thomas.

Today there are 36 regional affiliates with over 80,000 members. Affiliate chapters carry the work into the local communities.

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